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SUBJ: SOMALI REACTION TO ETHIOPIAN DISTURBANCES

REF: MOGADISCIO 0299

1. DURING FEBRUARY 28 RECEPTION FOR VISITING LIBYAN PRESIDENT QADHAFI, ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR CALLED PRESIDENT SIAD'S ATTENTION TO SOMALI RADIO AMHARIC LANGUAGE BROADCAST EARLIER THAT DAY WHICH ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR FELT TREATED CURRENT BORDER SITUATION IN PROVOCATIVE FASHION. HE TOLD PRESIDENT THAT ANY SOMALI ATTEMPT TO MAKE TROUBLE FOR ETHIOPIA AT THIS TIME WOULD BE "VERY SERIOUS".

2. ACCORDING TO ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR, PRESIDENT SIAD EXPRESSED GREAT DISPLEASURE AT ACTION OF SOMALI RADIO. PRESIDENT SAID HE HAD GIVEN STRICTEST ORDERS THAT SOMALI ARMED FORCES AVOID ANY BORDER INCIDENTS OR PROVOCATIONS AT THIS TIME. HE HAD INDEED ORDERED THEM TO STAY WELL BACK FROM BORDER TO AVOID ANY INCIDENTS. HE ASSURED ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR THAT SOMALIA HAD NO INTENTION OF ATTEMPTING TO PROFIT BY CURRENT SITUATION
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IN ETHIOPIA.

3. COMMENT: ETHIOPIAN AMBASSADOR BELIEVES THAT SIAD'S COMMENTS REFLECT CURRENT SOMALI CENTRAL GOVERNMENT POLICY. WE BELIEVE GOVERNMENT WILL ADHERE TO THIS POSITION IF SITUATION ON ETHIOPIAN SIDE OF OGADEN BORDER DOES NOT RPT NOT NOTABLY DETERIORATE.
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